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(4) The Manager of each private temple should send a statement of the income and the expenditure.

(5) Steps must be taken to check the mismanagement of the Trustees in realising the *pattom*, *michavarom* and other taxes.

The Member prayed that a rule might be made and published in the Gazette to carry out the above suggestions.

Dewan's reply.—I shall consider the Member's suggestions along with Mr. Kuruvila's petition.

60. *Restoration of the Sirkar temples.*

Mr. T. Vasudevan Potti (Member, Travancore Jenmi Sabha) represented that the condition of the Sirkar temples was lamentable. He urged the necessity for allotting a certain amount of money in the annual budget for the restoration of those which stood in need of repair.

Dewan.—This is an important question and I am glad that the Member has brought it up. Government hope to pass early orders defining their policy in the matter.

61. *Religious services in the Devaswoms.*

Mr. A. Harihara Aiyar (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) stated that a certain *pathivu* had been allotted for each temple *in proportion* to the Sannidhyam of the temple and the God. *Those pathivus* must be observed according to the Sastras. Only if *those pathivus* were maintained intact, the Gods would be pleased ; and only if the Gods were pleased, would the people be happy. Therefore, he urged the necessity and responsibilty of adhering to the *pathivus*. The Member also requested that :

(1) the recommendations of Mr. Ramachandra Rao might be intimated to the Members,

(2) Government should allow the Members to give their opinions after a careful perusal of the recommendations in the report,

(3) Government should pass final orders on that report only after consulting the views of the people, and

(4) the following particulars might be published in the Administration Report : –

(*a*) the receipts, expenditure and balance of the revenue derived from the lands belonging to the Sirkar temples,

(*b*) Nadavaravus in the Devaswoms,

(*c*) expenditure for ceremonies,

(*d*) expenditure for temple servants.

He requested that the above suggestions might be given a fair consideration.

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Dewan's reply.—Mr. Ramachandra Rao's report is under consideration as far as the Devaswom portion of it is concerned. *Adequate pathivus* will be provided for all the Devaswoms. Government will not be deterred from doing so by any financial considerations. His Highness' Government unreservedly recognise their obligation to maintain intact, and in an efficient condition, their religious institutions. It is not proposed to publish Mr. Ramachandra Rao's report.

62. *Keeping an account of the income and expenditure of all Endowed Devaswoms.*

Mr. K. Krishnan Pandalay (Member, Quilon Taluk) said that many Hindu temples had been entrusted to the Government for management, that during the previous settlements, the properties belonging to such temples had been recorded as Devaswam lands, but that in the present settlement, those properties were included as *Pandarapattom*. The old *Ayacut* accounts having been ordered to be destroyed, there would, in course of time, be no records to show that any property belonged to a Devaswom and what the revenue of such Devaswom was. This was very undesirable; and the Member thought that it was best to keep the revenues of the Devaswoms separate from other revenues. Otherwise, he feared that there would be seri difficulty in the future.

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Kunnattur Tal suggested that the following steps might be taken improve the Devaswoms:—

(1) The Devaswom properties and their ann income should be ascertained.

(2) Separate accounts of receipts and expenditur should be kept.

(3) The balance should be utilised for the rec struction of dilapidated temples.

(4) The existing management of the Devaswar should be revised.

Dewan's reply.—This important question will considered very carefully. The Hindu Members may r assured that Government will take adequate steps to sa guard the interests of the Devaswoms, prospective as w as present.

The Assembly adjourned at 2-30 P. M. for the day.

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